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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Address to:
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Application Number: 09/678,252

Confirmation Number: 5246

Filing Date: October 3, 2000

First Named Inventor: Karl L. Ginter, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2132

Examiner: Justin T. Darrow

Attorney Docket Number: 07451.0001-15000

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

i. ☒ Amendment

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Response to Notice of Drawings Inconsistency with Specification

2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet:

i. ☒ \$790.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for ([number] Months) \$[Fee]

iii. ☒ Other \$ 450.00 fee for additional claims, please see (Amendment) Transmittal Letter submitted herewith

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

Name: Andrew B. Schwaab

Reg. No.: 38,611

Signature:

Date: February 18, 2005

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